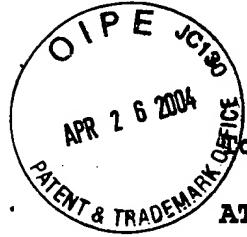


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RESPONSE TO PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of
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In response to Office Action dated January 23, 2004, please
amend the claims and please consider the following remarks.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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